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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in regards to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection Notice of Application that was recently sent to me for the property at 11340 23 rd Ave NE, Project 3028516.

I am very concerned about the proposed subdivision of this property. The subdivision as proposed would eliminate the forest home of many of the **urban wildlife** the city has vowed to protect: this being a substantial number of birds (specifically merlins, owls, and eagles).

I am incredibly concerned about the wildlife and also of:

- a) the stability of the hillside
- b) the windbreak it provides to buffer the other old growth trees in the neighborhood (taking trees out would leave existing trees vulnerable in a wind storm).
- c) the character and beauty of the neighborhood—this being one of the few remaining old growth tree neighborhoods. AND this being one of the benefits of living off of the noisy, light polluted Lake City Way.

With added density is added traffic. This neighborhood is NOT engineered for additional traffic. There are few, if any, sidewalks, and our children and teenagers walk to the neighborhood schools.

I understand that the city is growing and has a need for additional housing. But at what cost and with what foresight?

This is our beautiful neighborhood. We happily embrace developers who can work in, around, and in support of the existing landscape. Please consider limiting the amount of large trees that can be removed for this (and any) future development.

Very sincerely,
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